

were able to hear distinctly every word that was uttered. In constructing the temple, special attention was given the acoustics, it being desired to have this feature made as near perfect as human ingenuity could accomplish.

Congregation Rodef Sholom was organized April 13, 1879, with the following officers: Sam Sanger, president; Harry Lewine, vice president; Charles Beer, treasurer; S. L. Samuels, secretary. It was immediately



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resolved to erect a synagogue and a building committee appointed as follows: S. Marx, chairman; S. Sanger, B. Haber, J. A. Solomon, H. Lewine, Dan Wise. With remarkable foresight the present location on Washington street was selected and on October 30, 1879, a frontage of 110 feet purchased for \$750. On the 31st day of March, 1880, the contract was let for synagogue to cost \$8,000. The building was completed and accepted from the contractor April 20, 1881 and then considered the prettiest re-

ligious edifice in Waco. The first choice of pews was sold to Mr. R. Lessing for \$300. At the time the new synagogue was finished Mr. B. Haber was chairman of the building committee and Mr. R. Lessing was president. The members of the Congregation Rodef Sholom were enthusiastic over the completion of the synagogue and the dedication exercises were very elaborate and impressive. The dedication took place August 10, 1881, and was witnessed by the representative citizens of Waco and many visitors from adjoining towns. The dedication sermon was one of the most eloquent efforts of that great and lamented teacher in Israel, Rabbi Jacob Voorsanger, then minister at Houston. Rabbi May was elected to fill the pulpit, but owing to ill health only served a short while and was succeeded by Dr. A. Suhler who may be said to have been our first Rabbi. His successors were A. R. Levy, now of Chicago; Rosenberg, E. M. Meyers, Harry Weiss of Macon, Ga., Marth Zelinka of El Paso, B. Wohlberg, J. Friedlander, now at Hamilton, Canada, and the present Rabbi.

Rabbi I. Warsaw, a graduate of the Hebrew Union College, who had held several important pastorates, received a call from Congregation Rodef Sholom which he accepted, and he came to Waco September 1, 1908. Almost immediately he suggested the need of a new temple, and at a meeting of the trustees, convinced them that the old building was inadequate for Sabbath school and out of date

and unsuited for further use by the congregation. Architects advised that the necessary repair would be expensive and would give only temporary relief. The trustees recommended the building of a new temple, and the matter was presented to the congregation by Dr. Warsaw so forcibly and eloquently that the congregation decided to build. Plans prepared by Architect Milton W. Scott were accepted, and June 1, 1909 a contract was let for a modern brick



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and stone temple to cost \$23,893. It is estimated that when the building is complete, including seats, organ, furniture and heating, the final cost will approximate \$30,000. The building committee is composed of the following members of the congregation: I. A. Goldstein, chairman; L. Migel, Sam Sanger, H. Mayer, A. S. Haber, J. Levinski, I. Simmons, C. K. Weil, A. T. Godshaw, Sam Freund, C. L. Sanger, B. Alexander, I. Friedlander, secretary.

The corner stone of the new temple

was laid with impressive ceremonies Tuesday, August 24, 1909. Mr. C. L. Sanger made an interesting address, after which the corner stone was set in position by Mr. I. A. Goldstein, who briefly reviewed the history of the first synagogue and the present undertaking. Dr. A. Suhler delivered an eloquent prayer and benediction. Hon. James S. Baker, mayor of the city of Waco, participated in the exercises.

Much of the credit for this worthy undertaking will be due to Rabbi I. Warsaw. His interest and enthusiasm has never failed, and while some few doubted or discouraged, he reaped success from that which appeared a hopeless undertaking. He has made obstacles stepping stones to a more united endeavor, he has secured new members and enthused the old ones, and thus inspired a spirit and sentiment of admiration of his ability and emulation of his example. When the temple is completed, early in 1910, it will be the center of a new awakening of religious zeal and communal activities, the altar of those spiritual and higher aspirations so eloquently expounded by our leader and teacher, Rabbi Warsaw.

The congregation has recently increased its membership to seventy-five and it is hoped and expected that with the completion of the temple the number may reach 100. The officers are: L. Migel, president; C. L. Sanger, vice president; B. Alexander, secretary; I. A. Goldstein, treasurer. Affiliated with the congregation are

the Ladies' Hebrew Aid Society, the Temple Guild and the Cemetery Association. The ladies of the congregation have rendered invaluable assistance, financial and moral, to all undertakings in behalf of the Jewish community and for charitable work.

In 1887 was organized the Young Men's Hebrew Association for the purpose of encouraging Jewish study and social and literary exercises. It prospered for a dozen years or so, and then having become a social or-



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ganization, its name was changed in 1900 to Progress Club, and is now one of the strongest social organizations in the city. The Progress Club has recently acquired new and beautiful rooms consisting of parlors, buffet, ballroom and billiard salon. It has the only roof garden in the city and furnishes its members every comfort and pleasure connected with a modern club. Its officers are J. L. Davidson, president; Joe W. Sanger, vice president; M. L. Hirschfelder, secretary; Dan Wise, treasurer.

WACO.

In compliment to their household guests, Miss Eitelson of Waco and Miss Grace Rogers of Miles, Mesdames, Levi and Nusbaum and Miss Frank entertained the young ladies of the city on Monday afternoon with a forty-two party. The rain came down in great drops, but the ladies were on hand at the appointed hour and took part in the games that followed. Delicious refreshments were served in the spacious dining room. Among the guests were a number of out-of-town ladies — Miss Board of Bryan, Miss Blount of Nacogdoches, Miss Rice of Austin, Miss Foscue of Waco, Miss Orgain of Ballinger and Mrs. Walter Van Oer Stucken of Llano. * * * At the residence of her mother, North Fifth street, the marriage of Miss Annie Cinnamon and Morris H. French will take place next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rabbi I. Warsaw officiating. Announcement of the betrothal of these two young people was made some time ago. The bride-elect is one of Waco's most lovable young women, while the prospective groom, a former Waco boy, now engaged in the mercantile business at Wichita Falls, has a most extensive acquaintance here. Following the ceremony, departure will be taken for Wichita Falls, where these beloved young people will reside. * * * Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacobstein and little daughter, Annie, of Louisville, Ky., are here for the Jacobstein-Goodman wedding. * * * Miss Birdie Lowenstein has been enjoying her vacation with the home folks and will soon return to resume her music at Dallas. * * * Miss Miriam Suhler will leave on Thursday next for Chicago,

where she will spend the winter taking advanced work at the Chicago university. * * * Mr. and Mrs. William Goodman arrived from San Francisco, Cal., to attend the wedding of their niece, Miss Annette Goodman, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. Goodman for several weeks.

SAN ANTONIO.

A large number of members were present last Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the Jewish Literary Club held in the I. O. O. F. building. * * * The Simchas Torah Ball committee reported good progress in the sale of tickets for the ball which will be given Oct. 26. Much hustling in the sale of tickets is being displayed by the members and the ball promises to be a success financially as well as socially. The committee has been fortunate in securing the Turner Hall for this affair; this is considered the best hall in the city. * * * The membership campaign committee reports great success in their securing new members. Eight new applications were handed in at this meeting. An excellent literary program was also rendered consisting of the following numbers, Paper, "Ancient Literature" M. J. Harris; "Protecting the Immigrant," I. Nevelow; "News and Editorials," Miss Flora Kirshbaum; "Current Events," Miss Sara Gordon; "The Jew as Patriot," Miss Ray Wittles; "Historical Review of Lady Magnus' History," Miss Elizabeth Wise.

GALVESTON, TEXAS.

Mr. Leopold Meyer left the past week for New Orleans. * * * Rabbi Henry Cohen and family have returned from Chicago. * * * Mr. and Mrs.

TEXAS NEWS

Abe Worms of Houston spent Sunday in our city. * * * The engagement of Miss Ervie Lewine, of this city, to Mr. Herman A. Philipson of Beaumont, has been announced. * * * Mr. Marion Levy leaves this week for Austin. * * * Mrs. N. Jacobs and Miss E. Jacobs returned the past week from New York. * * * Mr. L. Levine of Bonham, Texas, is visiting in our city. * * * Mr. L. Joseph has returned from Emporia. * * * Mrs. D. E. Woolf returned from Bryan the past week. * * * Mr. Sam Lovenberg left the past week for New York.

FORT WORTH.

Dr. Henry Cohen and family of Galveston spent a day here on their way home from Chicago. * * * Mr. Sol Heim of Atlanta, Georgia, was in the city for a few days. * * * Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Mark and son have returned from Cincinnati. * * * Mrs. Abe Cohen is expected back from her summer's visit to Missouri next Saturday. * * * Mrs. J. Chanowsky has returned from Kansas City and has as her guest Miss Harris. * * * Rabbi George Fox was greeted by a large house on the opening of regular services at Bethel Temple. * * * Miss Gladys Carb left Monday for a year's study in Boston at Bradford Seminary. * * * Mrs. Esther Bochen of Dallas, spent a few days in our city the guest of Mrs. Tillie Carb. * * * Mr. Weingarten of Sherman, is spending a few days in our city, the guest of his children, Mr. and Mrs. A. Richmond. * * * Mrs. N. Stoefel has gone

to Mineral Wells for a ten days stay. * * * Mr. Art of Detroit, Mich., is in our city spending the time with his son, Mr. Joe Art. * * * Mrs. Dan Brown has gotten up a vocal class of seven Jewish girls. * * * Mrs. H. Gernsbecher left Tuesday for a short stay in Mineral Wells. * * * The Harmonie Club gave its usual Sunday night dance at the club rooms.

BRENHAM, TEXAS.

Mr. H. Bluman has returned from a trip through West Texas. * * * Misses Adrienne Mittenthal of Groesbeek and Hildegard Simon of Dallas, who spent a fortnight with Miss Simon's grandmother, Mrs. Julia Simon, have returned to their respective homes. * * * Mr. Henry Harrison of Dallas spent several days in the city, the guest of his sister, Mrs. G. N. Hyman. He was formerly of Brenham, and for several years was a leading merchant here. * * * Miss Amelia Hyman entertained on Tuesday of last week, honoring Misses Hildegard Simon and Adrienne Mittenthal. She was ably assisted by her mother and Miss Irene Bluman. * * * Mr. Laurie Jacobs of Houston was here Monday and Tuesday. * * * Mr. I. P. Levy of Dallas paid Brenham a visit last week. The correspondent wishes The Jewish Herald and its many readers A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

DALLAS.

The Texas Young Zionists, of Dallas held their first opening dance of the season last Sunday night at the Academy hall. About 75 couples were present. A few from Ft. Worth. The affair scored a success. The Liter-

ary committee of this club are now making preparations for a big Zionist mass meeting to be given soon, and they expect a number of good speakers to address the assembly. * * * Harmony Club held their regular meeting Thursday night, September 28, at 150 Pawhattan Street. Arrangements were made for the second annual masquerade ball.

BEAUMONT.

Miss Martha Bassist and Miss Belle Hyman of China, Texas, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here. * * * Mr. and Mrs. Sol E. Gordon have returned home after several weeks sojourn at Petoskey, Mich. * * * Mrs. H. Burkenroad arrived Thursday from three months visit to Van Conner. * * * Miss Rosalie Mothner is entertaining Miss Jeanette Davis of Shreveport. * * * Miss Leah Zinn of Galveston, left Sunday for home after several days visit to her sister, Mrs. Sam Rudnick. * * * Mrs. E. E. Krauss and baby daughter, Sherley, left Tuesday for Elizabeth, La., where they will join Mr. Krauss who is located there. * * * Mrs. Joe Solinsky reached home Thursday last, after a brief visit to Houston and Hempstead. * * * Mrs. N. F. Roos and daughter Aline, who have been spending some time at Petoskey and Mackinac Islands, Mich. and with her parents at Nashville, arrived home Tuesday. * * * Mr. J. Gordon of Houston, spent Sunday in the city with friends. * * * Miss Tillie Jacobs and Miss Jennie Schlom of Houston, who have been enjoying the hospitality of Miss Mollie Rudnick, left Sunday for their homes. Miss Rudnick accompanied them.